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ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS, TRAINING,

PENSION AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 31st August, 2022

No. AR.41/2022/9.- In the interest of public service and in supersession of Notification No. AR.41/2022/2 dated Dispur, the 8th June, 2022 and Notification No. AR.41/2022/7 dated Dispur, the 11th July, 2022, notified by the Administrative Reforms, Training, Pension And Public Grievances Department, the Governor of Assam is hereby pleased to notify the following:-

1. In place of --

(a) Social Welfare Department and (b) Welfare of Plain Tribes and Backward Classes Department there shall be the following new three Departments, namely:-

(1) Department of Women and Child Development;

(2) Department of Social Justice and Empowerment; and

(3) Department of Tribal Affairs (Plain).

2. **Consequent upon the aforesaid changes, the following Directorates are also re-distributed as stated below:**

(1) The Directorate of Social Welfare (Women and Child Development Sector) will be renamed as **Directorate of Women and Child Development** and will be under the administrative control of the Department of Women and Child Development.

(2) The Directorate of Social Welfare (Social Justice and Empowerment Sector) will be renamed as **Directorate of Social Justice and Empowerment** and will be under the administrative control of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment.

(3) The Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes shall be renamed as **Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes** and shall be under the administrative control of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment.

- (4) The Directorate of Welfare of Plain Tribes and Backward Classes shall be renamed as **Directorate of Tribal Affairs (Plain)**. The matters related to Backward Classes shall be merged with the Directorate of Social Justice and Empowerment. The renamed Directorate of Tribal Affairs (Plain) shall be under the administrative control of the Department of Tribal Affairs (Plain).
- (5) The Directorate of Assam Institute of Research for Tribal and Scheduled Castes shall be under the administrative control of the Department of Tribal Affairs (Plain).

3. **The functions of the Department of Women and Child Development shall be as follows:-**

- (1) Women and Child Welfare and coordination of activities of other Departments and organizations in connection with this subject.
- (2) Care of pre-school children including pre-primary education and their nutrition.
- (3) Implementation of the provisions of following Acts and Rules:-
 - (a) The Indecent Representation of Women (Prevention) Act;
 - (b) The Dowry Prohibition Act;
 - (c) The Infant Milk Substitutes;
 - (d) The Children Act;
 - (e) The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act;
 - (f) The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act.
- (4) Welfare of pregnant and lactating women.
- (5) Welfare and care of Women in distress (One Stop Centres, Swadhar Greh, Ujjwala).
- (6) Women's Empowerment and Gender Equity (SRCW/ MSK).
- (7) Juvenile delinquency and vagrancy.
- (8) Probation of Juvenile offenders.
- (9) Issues relating to adoption, State Adoption Resource Agency.
- (10) Child Help Line (Childline).
- (11) Institutional and non-institutional services for the care and protection of children in need including orphans and orphanages.
- (12) Matters relating to (a) The Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, (b) The Assam State Commission for Women, (c) State Child Protection Society and (d) Assam State Social Welfare Board.

4. **The functions of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment will be as follows:**

- (1) Administration, formulation and implementation of policies and programmes for welfare and development of the Scheduled Castes (SC) and Other Backward Classes (OBC) in the State.
- (2) Implementation of the programs /Schemes of the Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP), components of Annual Plan, Central and State Government's funded programmes for the welfare of SC and OBC communities in the State.
- (3) Matters relating to Assam State Development Corporation for Schedule Caste Limited.
- (4) Matters relating to Assam State Development Corporation for Other Backward Classes Limited.

- (5) Matters relating to The Assam State Backward Classes Commission.
- (6) Welfare of Senior Citizens.
- (7) Welfare of Differently Abled Persons.
- (8) Welfare of Transgender.
- (9) To act as the Nodal Department for matters pertaining to Disability.
- (10) Establishment and maintenance of Old Age Homes.
- (11) Establishment and maintenance of Halfway Homes/ Homes for persons suffering from mental illness.
- (12) Special schemes aimed at rehabilitation and social, educational and economic empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.
- (13) Awareness generation and prevention of alcohol, drugs and substance abuse.
- (14) Awareness generation, research, evaluation and training of various schemes.
- (15) Implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016)
- (16) Matters relating to inclusion and exclusion of any community in the Scheduled Caste, and Other Backward Classes List of Assam.
- (17) Matters relating to the following Development Councils (OBC and General): -
 - (i) Kalita Development Council;
 - (ii) Gorkha Development Council;
 - (iii) Nath Yogi Development Council;
 - (iv) Bishnupriya Manipuri Development Council;
 - (v) Manipuri Development Council;
 - (vi) Hindi Speaking Development Council;
 - (vii) Bengali Speaking Development Council;
 - (viii) Keot Development Council;
 - (ix) Sut Development Council;
 - (x) Goria Development Council;
 - (xi) Tai Ahom Development Council;
 - (xii) Chutia Development Council;
 - (xiii) Koch Rajbongshi Development Council;
 - (xiv) Maimal Development Council;
 - (xv) Moria Development Council;
 - (xvi) Sadharan Jati Development Council;
 - (xvii) Adivasi Development Council;
 - (xviii) Tea and Ex- Tea Garden Development Council;
 - (xix) Chaodang Development Council;
 - (xx) Kumar Development Council;
 - (xxi) Jolha Development Council;
 - (xxii) SC Development Council;
 - (xxiii) Brahmin Development Council.
- (18) Matters related to State Level Scrutiny Committee (SLSC) for verification of Schedule Caste (SC) and Other Backward Classes (OBC) Caste Certificates.
- (19) National Commission for Schedule Caste (SC) and Other Backward Classes (OBC).
- (20) Parliamentary Committee / Assembly Committee for welfare of Other Backward Classes (OBC).

(21) Parliamentary Committee / Assembly Committee for welfare of Scheduled Caste (SC).

(22) Matter relating to Manual Scavengers.

(23) Matters relating to the following Autonomous Councils:-

- (i) The Moran Autonomous Council Act;
- (ii) The Motok Autonomous Council Act; and
- (iii) The Kamatapur Autonomous Council Act.

(24) The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 to prevent the Commission of offences of atrocities against the members of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes.

5. The functions of the Department of Tribal Affairs (Plain) shall be as follows:-

- (1) Administration, formulation and implementation of policies and programmes for welfare and development of the Scheduled Tribes (ST) in the State.
- (2) Implementation of the programs /Schemes of the Tribal Sub Plan (TSP), components of Annual Plan, Central and State Government's funded programmes for the welfare of Scheduled Tribe (ST) communities in the State excluding the autonomous Hill districts of Karbi Anglong, Dima Hasao and Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR).
- (3) Matters relating to Assam Institute of Research for Tribals and Schedule Castes Society.
- (4) Matters relating to Assam Plains Tribes Development Corporation Limited.
- (5) Matters relating to implementation of the following Acts:-
 - (i) Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act;
 - (ii) The Assam Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Reservation of Vacancies in Services and Posts) Act;
 - (iii) The Tiwa Autonomous Council Act;
 - (iv) The Rabha Hasong Autonomous Council Act;
 - (v) The Mising Autonomous Council Act;
 - (vi) The Deuri Autonomous Council Act;
 - (vii) The Sonowal Autonomous Council Act;
 - (viii) The Thengal Kachari Autonomous Council Act; and
 - (ix) The Bodo Kachari Welfare Autonomous Council Act.
- (6) Matters relating to inclusion and exclusion of any community in the Scheduled Tribes List of Assam.

- (7) Matters relating to State Level Scrutiny Committee (SLSC) for verification of Schedule Tribes (ST) Certificates.
- (8) National Commission for Scheduled Tribes.
- (9) Parliamentary Committee / Assembly Committee for welfare of Scheduled Tribes (ST).
- (10) Matters relating to the following Development Councils (ST): -
- (i) Garo Development Council;
 - (ii) Barman Dimasa Kachari Development Council;
 - (iii) Khasi Jaintia Development Council;
 - (iv) Development Council for Karbis living outside Karbi Anglong;
 - (v) Barak Valley Hills Tribes Development Council;
 - (vi) Amri Karbi Development Council;
 - (vii) Development Council for Singhpho, Sema, Tangsha, Tai Phake, Tai Khamiang, Tai Turung, Tai Khmati and Tai Aiton ;
 - (viii) Hajong Development Council;
 - (ix) Sarania Kachari Development Council;
 - (x) Mech Kachari Development Council; and
 - (xi) Madahi Development Council.

Consequent upon the aforementioned modifications, the Officers and staff of the Social Welfare Department and Welfare of Plain Tribes and Backward Classes Department shall be distributed between the Department of Women and Child Development, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment and the Department of Tribal Affairs (Plain).

Further, the Department of Personnel, Government of Assam would be the Nodal Department for the **Assam SC & ST (Reservation in Services for Vacancies and Posts)** and all matters relating to reservation in services on the lines of Department of Personnel and Training, Government of India (GoI).

This notification shall come into force with immediate effect.

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Pension and Public Grievances (ARTPPG) Department.